

The County of Centre

PROCLAMATION

PROCLAMATION NO. 8 OF 2016

WHEREAS, Sexual Assault Awareness Month calls attention to the fact that sexual violence is widespread and impacts every person in this community; and

WHEREAS, rape, sexual assault, and sexual harassment harm our community, and statistics show one in five women and one in 71 men will be raped at some point in their lives; and

WHEREAS, child sexual abuse prevention must be a priority to confront the reality that one in six boys and one in four girls will experience a sexual assault before age 18; and

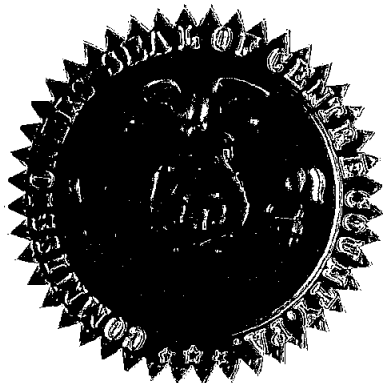
WHEREAS, young people experience heightened rates of sexual violence, and youth ages 12-17 were 2 and a half times as likely to be victims of rape or sexual assault and on campus one in five women and one in 16 men are sexually assaulted during their time in college; and

WHEREAS, the Centre County Women's Resource Center offers programs to educate our community about sexual violence and provides services to support survivors; and

WHEREAS, prevention is possible when everyone gets involved;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED in recognition of the work done by agencies and organizations that provide services to victims and to honor survivors of sexual violence, the Centre County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim the month of April as "Sexual Assault Awareness Month" and urge all citizens to play a role in the elimination of violence in our community.

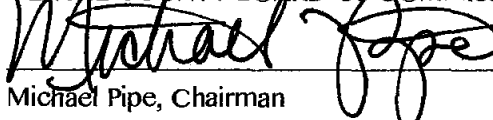
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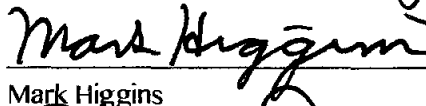


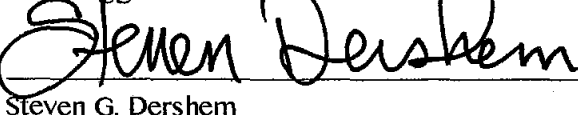
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